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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENT QUESTION ON USIS SOWETO READING ROOM

1. JOHN WILEY, SOUTH AFRICAN PARTY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR SIMONSTOWN TABLED FOLLOWING QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT FOR THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JUNE 24: QUOTE (1) WHETHER THERE IS A UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE OFFICE IN SOWETO; IF SO, (A) WHERE IN SOWETO AND (B) HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN THERE; (2) (A) WHY AND (B) BY WHOM WAS PERMISSION GRANTED FOR THE OPENING OF THE OFFICE? UNQUOTE

THE REPLY WAS: QUOTE THERE IS NO UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE OFFICE IN SOWETO LISTED OR REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE WERE INFORMED BY THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN MAY 1975 THAT THEY WERE HELPING THE AFRICAN MUSIC AND DRAMA ASSOCIATION BY PROVIDING BOOKS, FILMS AND MUSICAL TAPES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A READING ROOM IN SPACE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE Y.M.C.A. IN SOWETO. IT IS, OF COURSE, NORMAL PRACTICE FOR INFORMATION SERVICES TO MAKE SUCH MATERIAL AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH
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2. COMMENT: WILEY IS KNOWN AS A HARD-LIN CONSERVATIVE IN PARLIAMENT. HE HAS MADE PREVIOUS ANTI-AMERICAN NOISES, INCLUDING A QUESTION EARLIER THIS SESSION ON THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL AMERICANS AND AMERICAN OFFICES IN SOUTH AFRICA. WHITE

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